Deployment of BSF in Tripura

1430. SHRI KHAGEN DAS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a decision has been taken to deploy BSF from peace areas to certain border areas of Tripura where movement of militants take place; and

(b) if so, the details thereof;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) It has been decided that BSF will examine concentrating their border deployment in Tripura in areas vulnerable to movement of militants.

Naxalism in States

1431. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the States which are affected by increasing naxalite activities;

(b) the number of incidents that took place in those States during last three years (year-wise);

(c) whether any steps are being taken by Government to curb such activities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) The States of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Orissa are primarily affected by left wing extremist activities.

(b) As per information available, the number of incidents that took place in these States, are as follows:—

	1997	1998	1999
Andhra Pradesh	863	736	602
Bihar	470	373	481
Madhya Pradesh	102	179	95
Maharashtra	35	43	40
Orissa	24	11	5

(c) and (d) The Central Government has set up a Coordination Centre, headed by the Union Home Secretary with Chief Secretaries and Directors General of Police of the States affected by left wing extremism, as its members, to review the steps taken by the States to check the left wing extremist activities, monitor the plan of action in respect of each State and to make recommendations, both on development and security aspects of the problem.

The Coordination Centre has had several meetings, deliberating threadbare on all connected sensitive and relevant issues. Several important decisions such as providing financial support for combating left wing extremist activities, construction/improvement of identified critical roads, preparation of plans for development of affected areas to tackle the problem in a holistic manner, sharing of intelligence inputs on constant basis, providing help of Para Military Forces on need basis, etc. have also been taken and effectively followed-up.